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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006 the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 8.